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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to Examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-40, without a prejudice, and substitute with the following new

claims:

 A recombinant soluble Fc receptor having no transmembrane domains and no signal peptide, and where no glycosylation occurs.

42. The recombinant soluble Fc receptor according to claim 41, wherein the receptor is a FcγR or a FcεR.

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